

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, Claude O. Clerc, Paul F. Chouinard, Leonard Pinchuk, and Paul J. Thompson declare that we are respectively citizens of Switzerland, the United States of America, the United States of America, and the United States of America, and residents respectively of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, Roseville, Minnesota, Miami, Florida, and New Hope, Minnesota; that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the invention or discovery in STENT AND STENT-GRAFT FOR TREATING BRANCHED VESSELS described and claimed in the annexed specification; that we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before our invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention or discovery thereof; that said invention or discovery has not been patented or made the subject of an inventors' certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; that we acknowledge that we have a duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a); that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) specifically referred to herein; and that no application for patent or inventors' certificate on said invention or discovery has been filed by us or our representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, except as follows:

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon;

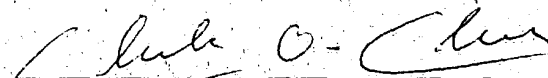
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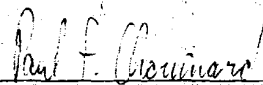
Wherefore we hereby subscribe our names to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration and power of attorney.

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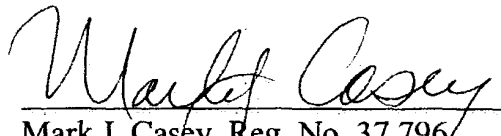
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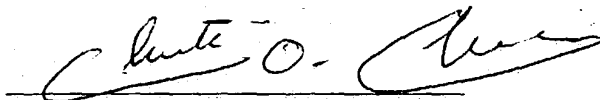
  
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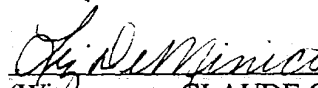
For valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Claude O. Clerc, of 8913 Belevedere Drive, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55347; Paul F. Chouinard, of 1650 Highway 36 West, #262, Roseville, Minnesota 55113; Leonard Pinchuk, of 9834 S.W. 111th Terrace, Miami, Florida 33176; and Paul J. Thompson, of 9125 40-1/2 Avenue North, New Hope, Minnesota 55427, hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto **SCHNEIDER (USA) INC**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having its principal office located at 5905 Nathan Lane, Plymouth, Minnesota 55442, the entire right, title, and interest in and to our application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled STENT AND STENT-GRAFT FOR TREATING BRANCHED VESSELS, our entire right, title, and interest in and to all our inventions, whether joint or sole, disclosed in said application for Letters Patent, and in and to all applications filed for Letters Patent for any of said inventions in any country, and in and to all patents granted on the foregoing applications, and we hereby agree, whenever requested, to communicate to said assignee, its successors and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said inventions, to testify in any legal proceeding, and to execute all applications or papers necessary to obtain and maintain proper patent protection on said inventions in all countries.

Signed and witnessed this 6th day of February 1998.

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